

ADVANCE MILE
TOWARD LENS

British Have Just Captured
Strongly Organized De-
fensive System

ENVELOPING MOVE
GOES STEADILY ON

Latest Success Was Scored
on Both Banks of the
Souchez

London, June 30.—A series of strongly organized defensive systems on both banks of the Souchez, covering Lens, have been captured by the British, it is officially announced to-day. In their recent operations the British have advanced more than a mile on a front of four miles about Lens.

GERMAN ATTACKERS
ON VERDUN FRONT
NEARLY WIPED OUT

They Penetrated First Line Trenches on
Front of Nearly Two Miles and
Were Then Ejected Except
On Western Slope of Dead
Man's Hill.

Paris, June 30.—The Germans resumed their violent attacks on the Verdun front west of Dead Man hill last night, the war office announces. Picked German troops advanced on a sector of a mile and three-quarters and were almost annihilated by the French. The Germans penetrated the first French line over the entire front attacked, but were driven out except on the western slope of Dead Man's hill.

The French made counter-attacks west of Hill 304 and took back most of the trenches lost Thursday. On the Aisne front the Germans attacked northeast of Cerny, employing burning liquid. They occupied a salient after the Germans had leveled it by shell fire, but were repulsed elsewhere.

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FRENCH CRUISER
STRUCK A MINE
AND WAS LOST

Thirty-Eight Officers and Men of the
Kleber Were Lost Off Point of
St. Mathieu.

Paris, June 30.—Official announcement was made last night that the French armored cruiser Kleber had struck a mine off the point of St. Mathieu on Wednesday and was sunk. Three officers and 35 men were lost. The Kleber had come from Dakar, Africa, and was on her way to Brest.

TAKE RESERVISTS
FROM DRAFT ARMY
TO FILL REGULARS

President Wilson's Call for Volunteers
This Week Was Not Answered,
There Being Shortage of
50,000 Men.

Washington, D. C., June 30.—President Wilson's call for volunteers, to bring the regular army up to its full war strength of 300,000 men by to-day, has not been realized. War department figures indicate there is still a shortage of 60,000 men. This discrepancy will probably be relieved by taking reservists from the ranks of the new selective army.

TOLD OF ARRIVAL.

Delayed Information About the American Troops Arrival.

Paris, June 27, (delayed by the censor).—The first expeditionary unit of American troops in command of Major-General William L. Sibert arrived safely at a French port. Rear Admiral Gleaves has cabled Secretary Daniels, saying that the expedition arrived safely.

A dispatch received in New York Wednesday afternoon from France announced the arrival and debarkation of the second contingent of American troops.

AMERICAN RAIL-
ROADS DENIED A
RATE INCREASE

Interstate Commerce Commission Issued
Order to Be Effective Until
October 28.

Washington, June 30.—The interstate commerce commission yesterday denied the plan of the railroads of the United States for a horizontal increase of 15 per cent. in freight rates.

In its decision the commission indicated its willingness to increase class rates in the eastern district approximately 14 per cent. Since about one-fourth of the freight handled is moved under class rates, the decision virtually allows the eastern lines about four per cent. increase in gross freight revenue. Increases sought in rates on coal, coke and iron will be granted.

The commission found as a result of extended hearings that the carriers generally show a substantial and increasing financial prosperity, and that they have ample resources with which to conduct transportation.

Little sympathy was given the arguments of the roads that they were victims of war prices, the commission holding that the carriers had profited by the mobilization of troops.

The commission suspended the proposed tariffs until October 28, but it indicated that no hearing of the case will be of value at this time, and suggested cancellation of the tariffs.

The commission finds that the gloomy forecasts of jeopardized incomes, seen by railroad officials early in 1917, have not been borne out by the figures available for later months. The proceedings were brought in March, when the returns from February were just being made. February was one of the worst months in railroad history. The subsequent months have shown increasing revenues, while expenses have, in many cases, failed to amount to the extent the carriers' officials feared.

The commission points out that the carriers' comparison have been made largely with those of 1916, which was the banner year in railroad earnings, and adds that the 1917 income might be considerably diminished without necessarily indicating a danger point in earnings.

Commissioner Harlan in a concurring statement declared that should the next few months show that the railroad men's fears were well founded, the commission would be ready to grant relief. He also made a plea for better equipment and service.

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EIGHT DIED IN
HOUSE FIRE

Entire Family of George B.
Rowe of Anson, Maine,
Was Wiped Out

NO EVIDENCE
OF FOUL PLAY

Medical Referee Decided
That an Inquest Was
Not Necessary

Madison, Me., June 30.—George B. Rowe, aged 37 years, his wife, aged 33, and their six children, ranging in age from one to thirteen years, were burned to death early this morning in a fire which destroyed their home at Anson, near here. None of the occupants of the house escaped.

An investigation failed to show evidence of foul play and the county medical referee decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

FOUR LARGE SHIPS
SENT TO BOTTOM

The Haverford of 11,635 Tons Was Said
to Be the Largest American Line
Ship to Have Been De-
stroyed.

Boston, June 30.—The torpedoing and sinking of four large British cargo-carrying steamers was announced in advices to local insurance offices yesterday. The steamers were the Utonia, of the Cunard line, 68,593 tons; Haverford, of the American line, 11,635 tons; Buffalo, Wilcox line, 2,583 tons, and the Manistee, another Cunard vessel. No details of the losses were given and no mention was made of the fate of the crews.

It was believed by steamship agents here that some or all of the steamships may have been included in the list of sinkings announced from London on Wednesday night.

The Utonia and Manistee, it was said, were loaded with cargoes of grain and other food supplies from New York for English ports and the Buffalo was returning from Hull for New York. The Haverford has been engaged in the Philadelphia-Liverpool service, but there was no information at hand to show where she was bound when torpedoed.

New York, June 30.—The American line steamship Haverford, which was under British registry, was said to be the largest American vessel which has yet fallen prey to a submarine. She was built at Clyde Bank, Scotland, in 1901, was 531 feet long, 59 feet beam and of 11,635 gross tons.

Neither the steamship Utonia nor the Manistee, reported torpedoed and sunk, carried either passengers or troops, according to representatives of the Cunard line here, who had not been officially informed last night of the loss of the two vessels.

TO TRAIN FOR NAVY.
Party of 26 Recruits Left Vermont Last Evening.

Burlington, June 30.—Twenty-six recruits for the United States navy left Burlington last night in a special sleeping car which was attached to the regular train, bound for the naval training station at Newport, R. I. They were a splendid looking lot of boys, most of them Vermonters, and seemed proud and happy to be starting off to serve their country. Most of them had been enlisted within the past few weeks and sent to their homes to await orders, which meant until the training station could accommodate them. There are now but five men from the Vermont district who are awaiting orders at their homes.

Four men were enlisted yesterday at the local recruiting office. They were Karl S. Sterns of Middlebury, a landsman for musician, who was sent to his home to await orders; George N. Gray of Rutland, an ex-serviceman, who was enrolled in the first naval reserve as a fireman of the second class and ordered to Boston for duty; Leon Ferrari of Barre, a foreman of the second class, who was ordered to New York; and Stewart C. Eastwood of Brandon, who was enlisted as an apprentice seaman and sent to Newport with the other men.

The names of the party who left last night for the naval training station at Newport, R. I., are: Luke H. Harrington, Albert P. Olinney of Montpelier; hospital apprentices of the second class; Ernest P. Glancy of Plattsburg, N. Y.; Parker T. Lancaster of Fair Haven; Stanley L. McNight of Wilder, Edward L. Sibley of Bennington, Martin A. Griffin of Cambridge, Frank L. Kennedy of Rochester, all landsmen for yeomen. The following were apprentice seamen: McAville G. Robinson of Barre, William C. Bullis of Plattsburg, N. Y., Philip H. Hubbard of East Point, Wesley L. Merriman of Poultney, Benjamin H. Sheldrake of Ausable Forks, N. Y., Harry E. Berggren of West Rutland, Lawrence Q. Baker of Moretown, Stephen J. Devosa of West Rutland, Carl W. Wheeler of Burlington, Frank G. Brault of West Chazy, N. Y., Neal D. Blanchard of Barre, Fred M. Hart of Vergennes, Homer C. Jerd of Montpelier, Clayton E. Nolan of St. Johnsbury and Theodore R. Holden of Wallingford.

H. C. Allen of Plattsburg is passing a few days in town on business.

W. T. Allen and Walter Lombard of Northfield are spending several days with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Mower have returned after spending the past week on an automobile trip through Massachusetts.

Erroll Wilcox, operator at the Playhouse, which is held this morning, for Malone, N. Y., where he will join Mrs. Wilcox, who is visiting with relatives.

The hearing on the settlement of the estate of the late George H. Morse of Waterbury by the executor, Nellie H. Morse, is still being held in probate court, this being the third day. It is alleged that the estate is insolvent and that certain persons and companies who furnished bonds for the deceased may have to forfeit the same. Frank Plumley of Northfield appears for the executor, C. C. Graves for himself, Charles A. Adams for the town of Waterbury and Charles H. Darling of Burlington for the American Fidelity company.

Harold Jackson of Hartford, Conn., formerly of this city, arrived in the city last evening for a visit with friends.

GRANITEVILLE.
A public dance will be held in Loosac's hall next Tuesday evening. Music will be furnished by Gauthier's orchestra. Admission, 50c; ladies free.

REMARKABLE RECORD.
Of Long Service in the Brattleboro Post-
office.

Brattleboro, June 30.—At the close of their work to-night three of the regular carriers in the Brattleboro postoffice will have completed 30 years of continuous service as carriers and three others will bring to a close 20 years of continuous connection with the postoffice, a part of the time as substitutes and a part as regulars.

Those who have been regular carriers ever since free delivery was established in Brattleboro, July 1, 1887, are Dennis E. Tasker, carrier No. 1, William E. Barber, carrier No. 2, and Spencer W. Knight, carrier No. 3. Each is covering a part of his original route, making two trips a day, aggregating about 15 miles.

The three who began as substitutes and are now regulars are Thomas A. Austin, a regular for 29 years, John A. Lindsey, a regular for 24 years, and Sidney H. Farr, a regular for 18 years.

Edward J. Shea, mailing clerk, and Miss Frances E. Guild, money order and registry clerk, have had positions in the local postoffice 31 years. Julius E. Leach, superintendent of mails, has served the office 30 years, but not continuously. Harry C. Freeman has been clerk in the money order department 18 years. Assistant Postmaster Charles W. Wilcox, began work in the office 34 years ago, and has been there ever since.

FAILED TO REGISTER.
Ernest Hillis Arrested in Rutland and
Taken to New York State.

Rutland, June 30.—The first slacker to be arrested in this section of the state was taken from the York Shirt company's factory on Forest street yesterday morning by Sheriff E. C. Fish and Deputy Sheriff Henry R. Adams at the request of New York state authorities. He was later arraigned before United States Commissioner James Leamy and then taken to his home in Glens Falls, N. Y., where he was supposed to have registered on June 5.

The young man's name is Ernest Hillis and he was highly recommended by his employers in Glens Falls. He claimed to the local authorities that he had been misinformed as to the years included in the registration. He will be 31 years old on November 11, 1917, and he says he supposed he was outside the age limit.

Hillis was taken back to New York state by Deputy Sheriff E. T. Patterson, at whose request the Rutland authorities made the arrest.

NO MILK STRIKE JULY 1.
New England Milk Producers Think It
Would Be Inopportune.

There will be no milk strike on July 1. At a meeting of the board of directors of the New England Milk Producers' association, held Thursday night in Boston, it was voted to stand firmly for the business reserves previously demanded, but that a refusal to sell unless an increase in price was given should not be made until July 15.

This change is made because, instead of there being a shortage of milk, as is usually the case at this time of year, there is a surplus in many New England markets, and the present time would be inopportune for a strike on that account.

The New England Milk Producers' association have notified their local officers to this effect.

DR. CONDON INDICTED.
On Charge of Murdering John V. Piper,
a Former Vermont.

New Brunswick, June 30.—Dr. William J. Condon, an officer in the United States medical reserve corps, was indicted by the Middlesex county grand jury here yesterday for the murder of John V. Piper, a graduate student at Rutgers college, whose body was found beside a road near Spotswood on June 16. Dr. Condon has been missing since February 17, when he was last seen in Princeton since he was brought back from an army training camp at Chattanooga, Tenn., to face the murder charge.

DOZEN YOUNG MEN TO APPLY FOR QUARTER-
MASTERS' RESERVE CAMP.

Two automobiles carried over a dozen local young men to Burlington this forenoon, where they will apply for technical examination before the recruiting officer for the quartermasters' reserve corps of the regular army. Among those who went to Burlington for examination were Francis Kellier, Richard Jerome, A. C. Theriault, Arthur Alexander, William Armstrong, Richard Bailey, Ernest Dillon, Myers Tuttle, Martin Jerome, and Charles Daley.

Miss Molly Beals of Elm street is taking a few days' vacation from her duties in the office of Attorney George B. Young and left this morning for Boston and New Bedford, Mass., to visit friends.

Mrs. H. E. Stockwell and Miss Teresa Dow left this morning for Ashland, N. H., where they will visit relatives. The former will visit relatives in Boston before returning home.

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POLIO SPREADS
TO OTHER TOWNS

And Three More Cases Have
Developed in Mont-
pelier

WATERBURY HAS
TWO POSSIBLE CASES

Fayston Reports Case—A
New Patient in Barre
Town

Three new cases of infantile paralysis have developed in Montpelier since yesterday noon, according to a statement made by the clerk in the office of Health Officer William Lindsay this forenoon and two other cases will probably be added before night, inasmuch as the children are ill and display symptoms of the disease. The new cases are in widely scattered parts of that city, one being the daughter of Harry Hawkins on Vine street, another in a Hebrew family on Main street and the third on River street in an Italian family. This brings the total number of definitely established cases to eighteen and the twenty mark will probably be reached by to-night.

All social gathering theatres closed with the moving picture theatres and with parents keeping their children confined at home. Montpelier is exceptionally quiet and merchants say that business is almost at a standstill.

Many people have left Montpelier for camps and the seashore with their families, making the trip several weeks earlier than is usual.

TWO SUSPECTED CASES.
Had Developed in Waterbury and Quar-
antine Is Imposed.

Waterbury, June 30.—Waterbury has two suspected cases of infantile paralysis, although neither of the children is paralyzed as yet. The patients are the four-year-old son of the Comstock family on Railroad street and the four-year-old daughter of Floyd Edwards' family on North Main street. The little daughter of Howard Ennis of North Main street is also quite ill, but it is possible that her ailment will be diagnosed as spinal meningitis.

Dr. H. A. Ladd of the state board of health was here yesterday and examined the suspected cases, afterwards ordering quarantine and taking some of the specimens to Burlington for examination.

YOUNG LADY A PATIENT.
Miss Florence Hibbard of South Barre
Has Infantile Paralysis.

A fourth case of infantile paralysis has developed in Barre town, the patient being Miss Florence Hibbard, aged 18 years, the daughter of Mrs. Carr who resides a short distance south of South Barre village. The young lady was taken sick a week ago last Thursday, but a physician was not called until Wednesday evening of this week. The physician reports that both the girl's legs are paralyzed but that the hip muscles are not paralyzed. Otherwise her condition is considered favorable. On the day when the Smith boy at the Smith Stock farm, in the same neighborhood, was taken ill with the disease, Miss Hibbard visited at the Smith home and saw the boy. She was taken ill only five days after that visit, whereas experts say that the normal time for development of infantile paralysis is from eight to fourteen days. Miss Hibbard had been attending school in Barre.

Dr. E. H. Bailey, the health officer in Barre town, reports that there are no other suspected cases in his town, so far as he knows, and the other three patients are doing well as could be expected, two being in the South Barre district and one in Westerville. The South Barre patients are the Smith and the Nye children, while the Westerville case is that of Donald McDonald, aged 18 years. The last named was the first to come down with the disease.

QUARANTINE ALL CHILDREN.
Who Go from Montpelier to Other Towns,
Is State Board of Health Order.

Burlington, June 30.—The state board of health has issued warnings to health officers throughout Vermont, to quarantine for two weeks, as a precautionary measure, all children coming to their respective towns from Montpelier during the poliomyelitis outbreak. Three new cases of the disease were reported to the state board of health yesterday, two from Montpelier and one from Fayston. All public assemblages in the latter town have been forbidden.

BAN ON WASHINGTON COUNTY.
Castleton Summer School Acts Because
of Poliomyelitis.

Upon advice of the state board of health, the Castleton summer school announces that because of the infantile paralysis epidemic, it is not deemed advisable that any planning to attend from Washington county or the town of Washington in Orange county, should be allowed to attend the summer school.

This prohibition also applies to any teachers who were teaching in Washington county or who have visited within the last ten days any towns or cities where cases of infantile paralysis have occurred. All those planning to attend the Castleton summer school are urged to bring usual vouchers with them.

RUSSIAN SCHOONER SUNK.
The Sibens Was Carrying Salt From
Cuba.

Chatham, N. B., June 30.—The Russian schooner Sibens from Cadix, with a cargo of salt, has been sunk by a German submarine, according to cable advices to agents here.

MORE RECRUITS
GO TO STATE CAMP

Lieut. Shaw of Co. C Returned to the
Regiment This Morning, After Suc-
cessful Recruiting Drive.

Despite the announcement that C company of Barre had reached war strength and was filled to the overflow with recruits, there were three applications for enlistment last night and this morning, and when the recruiting party, headed by Lieut. Shaw, left for the fort they were accompanied by Henry Leclair of Barre, Leon C. Bohannon of Washington and Alphonse Hutchins of this city. All three young men are confident of passing the physical examination, and there is every probability that they will receive assignments to the company of their choice. Mr. Hutchins, an employee of the city water department, made up his mind to enlist just before the train departed. Arrangements for the trip delayed him and he missed the train, but Dr. John H. Woodruff, a member of the registration board, was leaving for the capital and gave the young man a ride. Hutchins caught up with the recruiting party at Montpelier.

TALK OF THE TOWN
Mrs. Hale K. Darling of Chelsea was
among the shopping visitors in the city
to-day.

Robert Turner left last night for Boston, where he is visiting relatives for a few days.

Frank Arrigoni of North Main street is employed as a barber in Miers' downtown shop.

Clifford Gamache and Peter LaBell are among the Barre people who are passing the week-end in Burlington.

William Letourneau and George Murray were among the Barre visitors at Fort Ethan Allen yesterday.

H. H. Patch and family of Washington street motored to-day to Albany, where they are to pass two weeks in camp.

Thomas Verner, Jr., left last night for Manchester, N. H., where he is making a visit of several days with relatives.

William A. McLeod of the Quarry Savings bank staff left this forenoon for Boston where he is passing a few days with friends.

J. J. Sullivan of Graniteville passed through the city this morning while on his way to Concord, N. H., for a business visit of a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Counter and daughter, Katherine, have gone to Joe's point, where they are occupying the Stewart cottage for a fortnight.

Mrs. Joseph Lott left last night for Boston where she plans to make an extended stay, and will visit relatives in Quincy, Mass., before returning.

George Holden of Graniteville and Albert Creamer of Merchant street left this morning for Marshfield, where they are passing a few days at Camp Crepermaria.

Mrs. Nella S. Roscoe of French street, who is at the head of the teacher training department in the city schools, has gone to her former home in Bradford for a stay of six weeks.

G. P. Benton, president of the University of Vermont, who addressed the graduating class of the Chelsea high school last evening, passed through the city to-day while on his way back to Burlington.

Drug stores and other shops where soda water and soft drinks are dispensed have been furnished with copies of the restriction notices published this week at the instance of Dr. J. W. Stewart, the local health officer.

Frank S. Hutchins, the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hutchins of Spaulding street, who offered himself as a volunteer in C company, returned home this morning from Fort Ethan Allen, having been rejected in the examination because of a minor physical defect.

James Ogg of Westminster, who was locked up yesterday on an intoxication charge, appeared before Magistrate H. W. Scott in city court this morning and acknowledged a second offense. A fine of \$15 and costs was imposed, which the respondent arranged to pay.

Miss Ruth Sowden of Tremont street entertained several of her friends Thursday evening, the occasion being in honor of Miss Gertrude Olson, who is passing a two weeks' vacation at her home on Washington street. The evening was pleasantly spent by playing games, while refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

At her home on Beacon street last evening, Miss Mary Carroll, whose approaching marriage has been announced, was tendered a shower party by members of the senior Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary of St. Monica's church. The gifts were of a miscellaneous character and the visitors were warmly welcomed by the recipient. Whist and "2000" were among the games enjoyed, and before the guests left dainty refreshments were served.

Barre Knights of Columbus, members of council No. 491, are looking forward with a good deal of interest to exercises at Fort Ethan Allen July 4, when the recreation building erected for the soldiers by the state council, K. C. of C., will be formally opened. As a member of the general committee in charge of construction work and the equipping of the structure, John J. Hartigan, grand knight of the Barre council, has been active in the enterprise. Late last evening a number of knights from this city have visited the military post with a view to inspecting the progress made on the building. Former Mayor John Fitzgerald of Boston is to be one of the speakers at the opening, and a large delegation from the local council plans to attend.

George N. Tilden and Dr. John H. Woodruff, two of the three members of the registration board for Washington county, are busy with a large amount of detail work to be done before drafting begins and with the assistance of the third member, County Clerk L. C. Moody, they are going over the hundreds of cards signed by young men of the 21-31 age June 5. Registration boards for other counties in Vermont are proceeding along similar lines, although they have not been fully advised as to when the drafting for the new war army will begin. The Washington county board has engaged three young women, who are at work on the cards of information submitted by the registrants nearly a month ago. Thus far most of the detail work has been centered in the county court-house, where office facilities are available.

CASE IS GIVEN
TO THE JURY

Attorneys Make Plea in
Homicide Case in Chelsea
Court

JUDGE'S CHARGE
THIS FORENOON

Large Crowd Listens Intently
to the Testimony

Chelsea,